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Local and General.

Two inches of snow on Tuesday and Wednesday has improved the sleighing.

Lytle Reed, of the Edmonton Journal, was in town the first of the week, in the interests of his paper.

The travelling grain judging school will be at Lacombe on Wednesday, February 12th. Remember the date. Everybody welcome.

W. D. Magee passed through town Wednesday on his way to Calgary, where his daughter, who is attending college there, is severely ill with pneumonia.

John Montgomery, manager of the Singer Manufacturing Company for northern Alberta, was in town yesterday. Mr. Montgomery states that collections from this district are easier than in any other part of his agency.

The trustees of Lakeside school purpose raising the building and having it brick-venered. It is quite probable that a furnace will also be installed in the building. With these improvements Lakeside will have one of the best rural schools in the Province. At the same time it will be no more than in keeping with the improvements made by the progressive farmers of "Ontario street."

Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, February 6.
Lacombe Enche Club. \$ 2.80
Total of Dec. 25. 1050.20
\$1053.00
Paid for hospital site. 311.50
Total contributions. \$1364.50

The smallest contributions to the hospital fund will be gratefully received. There is no reason why this fund should not keep moving along. Those who have not contributed much, or those who have not given yet, and possibly have not been asked, might take a turn at it. Many have given right from the start, and every man, woman, boy and girl in this district should throw in their mite if it is only ten cents, then raising the necessary fund would be easy. I am tired of going after it, so it must come to me for a change. It can be dropped in the post office to my address if you find that way the most convenient. Don't wait for that contribution, you might die before that time comes and miss the opportunity. Mrs. Wm. Burris



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ALBERTA HORSE SHOW.

The seventh annual provincial horse show will be held in Calgary on March 25th, 26th and 27th under the auspices of the Alberta Horse Breeders' Association. The annual meeting of the Horse Breeders' Association will be held on March 25th at 8 p. m. and a public meeting on March 26th. The entries for the horse show will close on March 1st.

In order to encourage a large attendance at this horse show tickets will be issued to the general public from all stations in Alberta on the C. P. R. and C. N. R. at single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale two days before the show and the first day of the event good to return up to two days after the show or sale. Special rates will also be given from British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Each animal entered at this horse show must be owned by a member of the Alberta Horse Breeders' Association who has been a resident of the Province of Alberta for at least six months and who owns property in Alberta. First and second prizes will be offered in each class and a third prize where the entries exceed five. The prizes offered will take the form of suitably engraved silver plate to the winner's selection from a catalogue furnished by the Association. A cash equivalent may be obtained for these prizes less 35 per cent by making special application to the secretary within ten days of the date of the show.

The following is the prize list for the horse show:

HEAVY HORSES.

- Class 1.—Clydes (Registered.)
- Section 1. Stallions four years old and over.
- Section 2. Stallions, three years old.
- Section 3. Stallions two years old.
- Section 4. Stallions, foals of 1907.
- Section 5. Filly colts of 1907.
- Section 6. Clyde Stallion (any age) bred in Canada (Reg.)

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- Section 7. Mare three years or over.
- Section 8. Two year old Filly.
- Section 9. Yearling Filly.
- Class 2.—Shires (Registered.)
- Section 1. Stallions, three years old and over.
- Section 2. Stallions, two years old.
- Section 3. Stallions, foal of 1907.
- Section 4. Filly colts of 1907.
- Class 3.—Percherons (Registered.)
- Same as Class 2.
- Class 4.—Belgians (Registered.)
- Same as Class 2.
- Class 5.—Suffolk Punch (Registered.)
- Same as Class 2.

- Class 6.
- Section 1. Heavy draught grade to be shown in harness only.
- Section 2. Heavy draught grade mare or gelding.
- Section 3. Heavy draught stallion and 3 of his progeny.
- Stallion to be registered and not to receive more than 25 per cent of points in judging.
- Class 7.
- Grade Colts of both sexes, foal

ed in 1907, sired by a registered heavy draught stallion.

LIGHT HORSES

- Class 8.—Thoroughbreds (Registered.)
- Same as Class 2.
- Class 9.—Standardbreds (Registered.)
- Same as Class 2.
- Class 10.—Hackneys (Registered.)
- Same as Class 2.
- Class 11.—Coach Breeds (Registered.)
- Same as Class 2.
- Class 12.—Roadsters.
- Section 1. Team in harness and carriage, mares or geldings, to be judged for appearance shape and action. No registration conditions.
- Section 2. Single driver, mare or gelding. Same conditions as section 1.
- Class 13.—Carriage Horses.
- Same as Class 12.
- Class 14.
- Section 1. Saddle pony, 14 1/2 hands and under, to be shown under saddle.
- Section 2. Shetland pony, 12 hands high and under, to be shown under saddle.
- Class 15.
- A silver medal will be awarded to the person shoeing the best shod horse entered for the show. Post entries will be accepted and no entrance fee will be charged for this class.

Provincial Seed Fair.

The second annual Provincial Seed Fair for Alberta, conducted under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, assisted by the seed branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, will be held this year at Lethbridge on February 18th, 19th and 20th. In addition to the liberal prizes offered for the various classes of grains, grasses and clover seeds, Farm Crops Magazine of Winnipeg, has offered a valuable silver trophy, known as "The Farm Crops Trophy," for the best bushel of spring wheat. The trophy will be supplemented by a cash prize of fifty dollars to the winner, thirty dollars as a second and twenty dollars as a third prize. In this class, as well as all other classes of wheat, exhibitors must have at least 50 bushels of seed for sale, as represented by the sample exhibited. On exhibits sent to the Fair all express charges over fifty cents will be paid by the Department of Agriculture. The grain judging competition, in which all farmers and farmers' sons will be allowed to compete, will also be conducted. An interesting program is being prepared. Arrangements have been made with the railways, whereby convention rates will apply to all attending the exhibition. Prize lists, containing all information, can be had on application to the Department of Agriculture, Edmonton.

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LORD'S RUMMAGE SALE

Is now in full swing.

Snaps in Grocery Department

Aunt Juliana's Pancake Flour..... 2 for 25c
Wood Pails of Jam, 7 lbs. 60c
Pure Cane Syrup, Golden Sling..... 10 lbs 00c
West Indies Molasses, fine..... 3 lbs 20c
Lipton's Worcestershire Sauce..... 25c
Libby, McNeill & Libby's Choice Stewed Kidneys..... 5 for 35c
Royal Crown Soda, 3 lbs..... 2 for 35c
" " 1 lb..... 3 for 25c
Sunshine Silver Polish..... 4 for 25c
Royal Blue Biscuits, packages..... per lb 10c, 4 for 25c
Patterson's Bulk Soda..... 2 for 40c
Crescent Baking Powder..... 6 for 35c
Cadbury's Sweet Chocolate Bars..... 25c, 25c, 30c and 40c
Green, Black and Mixed Tea..... all prices 25c to 50c
No other Tea as good as our English Breakfast Tea at..... 50c
Quaker Tobacco, an old favorite, 10c..... 4 for 25c
EXTRACTS—Royal Shilling, Red Cross and Tartan, 2 bottles for price of 1 bottle. A few good flavors left to choose from.
FLOUR—Five Roses, the standard flour of Canada..... \$3.50
Harvest Queen, a splendid family flour..... 3.15

For want of space, we cannot continue this list of Grocery Prices, but we do not hesitate in assuring you that our prices will always be kept as low as possible.

Offerings from the Staple Department

We make no attempt to describe the different lines. They are too well known to need description. The sale prices tell their own story.

White Flannel—Heavy English flannel, sale price 10c
Wrapperte—In neat pattern, regular 15c..... sale price 9c
Grey Flannel—All wool, regular 90c..... sale price 22 1/2c
Military Flannel—In grey and brown, reg. 40c..... sale price 25c
Union Flannel—Grey only, regular 20c..... sale price 12 1/2c
American Prints—New, good, fast colors, blue, grey and red; always sold at 10c..... sale price 7 1/2c
Wool Hose—Worsted Hose in all sizes, made from all wool yarns, regular 35c to 40c..... sale price 25c
Ladies' Cashmere Hose—Be sure to see these, a splendid 40c hose..... sale price 3 for \$1.00
Heavy Cotton Vests—For women, limited quantity, our regular 40c values..... sale price 25c
Children's Underwear—Odd lines of girls' vests and drawers 40c and 40c values..... sale price 30c
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A good line of Fur Lined Coats and Wombat Coats.

Lacombe Meat Market

Choice beef, pork, sausages and fish. Telephone orders will receive careful attention.

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LACOMBE

SMARTEST DESIGNS FOR AFTERNOON SUITS

SOME of the most interesting developments of the winter's fashions are shown in the newest designs for afternoon suits.

For the last few years there has been a yearning for picturesque effects, either because of the lethargy of the creative talent or because of the romantic revolt against the practicality of the twentieth century.

The fashions of the Louis period and those of the Directory and Empire have been largely drawn upon for designs, while suggestions have been furnished by the whole range of historical costumes, and the pictures of the old masters are utilized as fashion plates.

The French tailored suits, or, as they are frequently called, demi-tailored, or afternoon suits, are very diversified in style, and though many of the latest notions may be rather too revolutionary to appeal to the conservative dresser, they will undoubtedly affect very considerably the trend of the modes, and already modifications of the radical ideas are appearing in the more practical suits for street wear.

The cutaway lines of the rather long coat skirt are more accentuated in some model coats than in others, and the sleeves vary, though in all of the latter one finds a clever adaptation of the kimono idea.

Most of these new models are shown on the new figure, flat of back, flat of hips, straight of front and slimly long, though many women who are none of these things look altogether charming in these new designs.

Velvet jackets, with the new tight-fitting cloth skirt, are shown among the late novelties brought out by Paquin.

The skirt is one of the season's sensations. It rises to a moderate girdle height, fitting snugly around the hips and waist, and, falling from there in clinging folds, drops straight to the ground at the sides and back, but is caught up slightly in front by several little horizontal folds, which prevent the too definite defining of the abdomen curve and add surprisingly to the grace of the skirt.

There is absolutely no flare to the skirt, which is very long all the way around; and the drop skirt is closely fitted and of thin, soft satin.

These skirts are drawn in at the back by two elastic placed about a foot and a half from the bottom.

When worn by the right sort of figure, this skirt is as beautiful as it is impractical for any save carriage and house wear. To walk gracefully in the skirt is an art itself.

Yet, while these suits are not practical, still there are many occasions



a vest of flowered velvet, bound with silk braid.

The second figure shows the new Paquin coat of striped velvet, bound with a fancy soutache braid. The high lacy collar is of plain satin or cloth or fur. The skirt is of plain broadcloth. The whole suit is carried out in shades of sapphire blue.

The third model is in purple, with a vest of broadcloth in contrasting tone.

The last suit pictured is in brown striped velvet, the cuffs and collar of natter blue satin. The skirt is of plain brown broadcloth. Hats do not match these costumes, but form a contrasting color scheme.



suits when a suit of the demi-tailored style is a necessity, and the designs given here are the newest and best of the French creations.

Under no consideration make the mistake of attempting to carry out these suits in anything but broadcloth or velvet, or their smartness is entirely lost.

Stick to chevrons, serge, or any of the tailored stuffs, if you want a practical suit, but also remember that they should be made up in the severely tailored style, if they are to be at their best.

All sorts of fancy vests are worn with the plain and the demi-tailored suits. They are made in broadcloth or in figured or flowered velvet. They give a smart finish to a perfectly plain suit, and are practical for wear during the severe cold weather.

In the first design given on this page is an attractive suit worked out in raspberry broadcloth, with

And as if the flowers were not enough alone, what ribbon is used as a garniture is fashioned after the flowers, so that it is quite a difficult matter to know just where one begins and the other ends.

Lingerie bows, composed of delicate embroidery and lace, either heavy or fine, generally in butterfly shape, will be worn with the new linen collars.

These are a becoming and dainty addition to one's neckwear and may be correctly worn with both the lingerie and lace waist.

Dame Fashion does not accent, but rather discourages, mannish effects this season.

However, a number of Windsor and four-in-hand ties are shown that will be greatly in demand by those who ape the masculine style.

They are to be worn with the embroidered linen collar.

A great deal of the style value of these ties depends on their coloring.

It must be moderately light in tone, and in various shades of blue, leather, russet, green, yellow, violet and burgundy. In other words, it must be selected to correspond with the millinery colors.

Besides the dainty striped handkerchiefs having a line of colors in them, color is appearing in embroidery, initial and monogram.

It is always a delicate color, and even where two or three shades are combined they are so pale in tone as to be scarcely distinguishable.

Large quilts are again in favor. They are disposed about hats in various new and smart ways.

Very frequently three big quilts are arranged slantwise across the crown, the stems tied or hid with a large bow of velvet ribbon.

New Ideas in the Ready-Mades

THE plain tailored suit with pleated skirt and coat approximating the 30-inch length will be the dominating feature of the season.

Skirts will be short, of inatep or ankle length. Coats will be of several styles. The Prince Chap and shapes approaching will be extremely popular. This is the semi-fitting style of coat, which depends for a great deal of its style upon the excellency of cut and workmanship.

Then there is the fitted-coat complement of the tailored suit. The

smartest of these will be the cut-away coat, with or without the vest.

This will be sought for by women of sufficiently good figure to stand the severe style. Here again is the necessity for cut and workmanship. The canvases should be of very good quality and well constructed to produce the best results in these extreme styles.

Redingote coats are also shown. They generally reach to below the knee and are most suitable for the tall women. It really takes unusual height to wear a knee-length coat successfully. There are all

sorts of odd models in these coats, which are more or less attractive.

Some are quite plain, others are self-trimmed with bias bands of pleats reaching from the sleeve to the center of the waistline in order to produce a broad-shouldered and slender-waist effect.

While a combination of three colors sounds startling at first, the fact of the matter is some of the new materials for these ready-made suits are shown in such combinations, but they are in subdued tones and will appeal to women of refined taste.

The effect at a short distance is one of an indefinite color. They are most popular in striped designs, though plaids command a certain amount of interest.

Fancy broadcloths also enter into the construction of the striped and plaid suit, and are attractive largely on account of their novelty.

Plain broadcloth will be greatly used for the construction of the dressier tailored suits. In broadcloth a great deal of the style value will depend on the color and correct application of their trimmings.

Velvet, braid, embroidered trimmings and heavy laces will all be used in their ornamentation. In these suits the coats will be 30 inches or shorter, and will be of the cutaway, the pony and a 24 to 26 inch fitted coat of fanciful outline.

All will carry a considerable amount of trimming, which will be in the form of vests, revers, collars, cuffs, and, in a few instances, large pockets.

Some of the new models in the fitted coats show the square corners in front in opposition to the cutaways. These are no doubt excellent for certain figures, but for the majority the cutaway style is more becoming.

THE perennial favorite, the dashing Gainsborough hat, to which the fashionable world gives its fickle allegiance, has again made its appearance.

This time the velvet covered picture hat has been chosen for a large number of handsome feather-trimmed models.

As rather from long association, or in accordance with the original lines of the hat so beautifully pictured by the great Gainsborough, the style seems to be particularly well adapted to the graceful feather adornments.

Many of the large velvet hats are gorgeously trimmed with flowers.

Let the Economical Woman Beware

OF THE pretty, fancy sleeve forms, because they have already enjoyed long favor and are decidedly on the wane.

Frocks of too decided a color, as once seen they are always remembered.

Of elaborately trimmed skirts, for the same reason.

She must avoid bargains offered in dress materials. No one ever gets a genuine bargain who is not an experienced buyer with an educated sense of selection.

The economical woman must beware of clinging to old materials and wearing apparel and remodeling them season after season.

This habit is as dulling to the mind and appearance as the continual serving of one meat is to the palate.

There is no economy in it, either.

The woman who is repeatedly remodeling dresses long past their prime with costly trimmings in order to freshen them up is extravagantly wasteful instead of economical.

Latest Styles in Lingerie

FASHION continues to accent the slim-waisted, full-bust and slender-hip figure, so the lingerie tendency is toward garments cut so as to eliminate every possible fullness around the waist and hips. It is for this reason that soft, sheer materials, such as nainsook, batiste and crystalline are more and more favorably regarded in the better-priced garments.

For women who are inclined to stoutness the combination garment is a great assistant in preserving the youthful outlines.

The favorite combination garment is the corset cover and short skirt, then the corset cover and drawers, and then the corset cover and long skirt.

Flat effects for ornamentation are the most desirable. They consist of embroidery and lace used in medallions, in leading and in insertion. The wide embroidered sours reaching to the knee is the most favored style for white petticoats. This is always completed with a 4-inch flat ruffle.

Fashion's Fancies

LINEN collars or stocks, pleated or not, frilled lawn fronts, drilled chemise leather or simply striped silk waistcoats accompany panama shaped felt hats in rich shades of moss or myrtle green, navy tricornes or Tyrolean shapes trimmed with gailion or a knot of soft silk.

From the number of black hats worn, it is evident that chic all-black hats will be much seen this autumn, worn with light-colored cloth or velvet gowns, and nothing is more effectively becoming to the generality of women.

Fancy velvets will evidently be very much to the fore this winter for handsome visiting gowns. Some of the velvets produce a watered effect, others are faintly striped.

Embroidery is ever more sought after, and the beauty of a dress is now judged by the beauty of its embroidery. At all the foremost couturiers the handsomest gowns are elaborately embroidered. One in-

stance is a pearl-gray cloth costume, the skirt of which showed a design worked in wool, narrow braid and silk braid. The corsage, which was something between the shawl effect and shoulder straps, was similarly embroidered and trimmed with large buttons worked in wool and braid.

The white Mechlin lace of the little vogue was embroidered and encrusted with tiny cloth motifs silver braided.

The sleeves were composed of cluny lace dyed gray over chiffon, with insertions of embroidered cloth. On the belt of gray liberty satin were motifs of embroidered cluny lace.

Shoulder straps or suggestions of straps are as fashionable as ever, and bid fair to be seen all through the winter.

Skirts will be very clinging, that is to say, the skirts worn for visiting, receptions and other ceremonies, not the walking skirt, which continues to be very full round the hem.

Local and General.

W. J. Carter has taken a position in the Town Clerk's office.

J. W. Shirley last week shipped a car load of horses to Edmonton.

J. D. Skinner went to Edmonton Tuesday, returning by Thursday's train.

The Black Diamond Minstrels met Wednesday evening for another practice.

Aunger & Shute, dental parlors, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

H. T. Harding of Stettler, passed through Lacombe Thursday on his way to Edmonton, on legal business.

Entries in connection with the seed grain fair should be made as early as possible, and must be made before Wednesday the 12th.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baugh, of Pleasant Valley, died of scarletina on Monday last. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade on Tuesday evening was an enthusiastic one, there being three members present. The meeting was adjourned for one week.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held on Wednesday afternoon, February 12th, at the home of Mrs. W. F. Puffer, at 3 o'clock. Every member come and bring a friend.

Lacombe sent two rinks to the Wetaskiwinspiel. John McKenty and H. M. Trimble were the skips. Mr. McKenty's rink won the consolation, and at the time of going to press Mr. Trimble's rink had one—the Grand Challenge.

G. P. Vickers secured the contract for the new agricultural buildings. It is understood the buildings are to cost about six thousand dollars. They will be completed early in the season. These buildings will add much to the appearance of the town.

Some people have the idea that the government germination test must be produced with the seed shown at the fair next week. This is not absolutely necessary. So long as the proof is shown that a sample has been forwarded for testing purposes, the grain can be shown.

The members of the Valley City Methodist church are holding their annual dinner and social on Tuesday evening next. The dinner will be served in the hotel from six to eight o'clock, after which the program will be rendered in the church. The Valley City people are looking for a good representation from Lacombe.

The magnificent hotel accommodation of Lacombe is already becoming widely known. "I am going to Sunday at Lacombe," is a very common expression among the travellers. The favourable comments on the "Adelphi" are well merited. Mr. Inskip is arranging to place a launch on Gull Lake this season for the accommodation of his guests.

Town Council met in special session last Saturday evening for the purpose of passing a bylaw appointing an auditor to finish the 1907 audit. Councillors Vickerson, Murphy, Browne and McDermid were present when the meeting was called to order, Hoson coming in a half hour later. In the absence of Mayor Trimble, Councillor Vickerson was called to the chair. After due deliberation Jas. Finlayson was appointed to finish the 1907 audit for a compensation of \$25. It was also decided to appoint him auditor for 1908 at a salary of \$50. A bylaw covering the appointment was passed.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A large delegation from Leduc waited upon the Government this week to press the claims of that town for the Agricultural College. While no promises have yet been made on behalf of the Government the impression in Edmonton seems to be that the college will be located within the next few weeks.

The Trimble adherents now appear to be busy endeavoring to prove that the gambling table is a more potent influence for salvation than is the pulpit. But even if they succeed in this highly laudable undertaking, The Advertiser still contends that a councillor elected on the Trimble morality ticket, who had much money to bet on the election, should also have been able to rake up enough cash to pay his taxes.

There has been more or less talk for years about having the Government stock Gull Lake with fish. So far as we know the undertaking is still in the talking stage. It is a question if the matter has even been brought to the attention of the proper officials. Here is something for the Board of Trade, the Liberal Association, or both, to take up. The placing in this lake of some good species of fish would be an outlay capable of unlimited returns, and at the same time it would greatly add to the attractiveness of Alberta's great watering place.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Mrs. J. W. Fortune entertained a number of her married friends at a charming euche party on Friday evening of last week. Mrs. Thibaudau and Mrs. Coffin were the fortunate prize winners.

Miss Muriel Simpson entertained her friends at cards and dancing on Monday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Aunger was another hostess of a euche party on Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. E. W. Graham held her post nuptial reception. Mrs. Rev. Gordon received with her. In the dining room Mrs. Horne presided. She was assisted by Miss Garland, Miss Horne, Miss N. Mooney and Miss McKenty.

Mrs. McDermid gave a euche party on Thursday evening. The prizes were won by Miss Horne and Mr. Carruthers.

Condensed Items of Interest.

But a few days ago traffic in New York City was tied up because of the depth of snow.

Henry Herbert Godfrey, the famous composer of "The Land of the Maple" died from heart failure in Montreal on the evening of January 27th.

Canada has more miles of railway in comparison to population than the United States, the United Kingdom, France, New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria or India.

At a banquet of the Board of Trade in Haverrill, Mass., Leslie M. Shaw, formerly secretary of the treasury, expressed the opinion that it might be well for the United States to adopt the Canadian Banking system.

New Telephone Connection.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the telephone lines of the Alberta Government running from Wetaskiwin to Daysland; from Lacombe to Stettler and from Macleod to Coleman have been connected with the Bell Telephone Company's system. It is of great convenience that any point on the lines of the Government mentioned above can now be reached from any point on the Company's lines, and vice versa.

Blackfalds.

Subscribers for the Advertiser and read the important local news.

Rev. T. C. Buchanan, general superintendent of the Methodist church, was in town for several days last week, making arrangements for the erection of a parsonage in the near future. Plans are being prepared for an eight-room house which will cost when completed, in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars, and will be an ornament to the village.

The literary society held its weekly meeting in the public hall on Thursday last. A mock trial, a darky chicken stealing case was placed on the boards. The affair created intense amusement throughout. The darkies did their parts so naturally, that one might imagine himself back again in old Virginia. As a burlesque the affair was a howling success, but as a representative of a Canadian court of justice, was a gross libel on the dignity of the British bench. The following officers were elected for the ensuing month: M. J. Merrihew, president; J. Dougall, vice-president; A. Bewav, secretary-treasurer; and F. Miller and J. McKay, councillors.

The Blackfalds Butter and Cream Association held its annual meeting in the public hall. A large number of patrons and shareholders were present. Much dissatisfaction was evinced over the small output for the year and increased cost of manufacture. The number of directors was decreased from nine to three on the grounds of economy. Messrs. Joseph Barrow, Chris L'Anson and H. F. Bailey were elected to manage affairs for the current year.

At an election held on Friday last to elect a school trustee in the place of Jas. Thorpe resigned, R. A. Shular obtained 21 votes, and A. D. Gregson 20. As two voters, after voting for Gregson, had their votes changed in favor of Shular, a protest was entered at the close, which will probably result in another election. What with elections and other events of moment there is lots of excitement in the burgh this winter.

The boys who advertised a grand skating carnival on Kennedy's pond were very successful in attracting an audience on Saturday night.

The village fathers met on Monday evening. The result of their deliberations are not yet to hand.

Messrs. Gaetz and Simpson, liquidators of the Red Deer Milling Co., were in town last week arranging for the sale of the old mill building in this place.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church intend holding a social in the public hall on Valentine's evening, the 14th inst.

Bentley.

Bentley had a wedding on the 29th of January. Mr. Mike Uhl and Miss Minnie Loyd of Rimby were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Arcade, by Rev. Neville of the Methodist church. The boys charivariated him but they did not get any treat. He forgave his money at home, he only had a quarter and he squeezed that till the eagle on it hollered and scared them all away. But they took the wheel of his buggy with them, so he had to borrow one from Ted Zelf to get back to Rimby a couple of days later. In the meantime he swore out a warrant to have the boys arrested but as he forgot his money, he did not have the necessary funds.

The Ladies Aid of Bentley will give a social at the Methodist parsonage on Thursday February 6. Supper 10c.

The literary meetings which we hold every week are certainly a great entertainment for our little village. Debates, singing and speaking, being the main feature of the evening. At our last meet-

ing we had a beautiful program and all who were on it were present, with one exception. We are sorry to say that Mr. Boode Blackmer was not present. He is one of the most prominent singers of Bentley. He was to sing a solo, "When the Wind Blew Through His Whiskers."

The 400 club of Bentley has taken in several new members, Mr. McDonough being president, Mr. R. Sprague vice-president and Mr. E. Pycher, secretary. The club is growing larger very rapidly, there now being over 50 members.

The young people are all making arrangements for the mask ball which is to be held in McPherson hall on the night of the 14th.

F. R. Nelles and H. Brownlow will have a stock sale at the farm of F. R. Nelles on February 19. About fifty head of cattle will be sold. Col. A. H. Garries auctioneer.

Mr. J. Kir of Bentley is the proud owner of a pair of fine 3 year old colts, which glide on these smooth roads to perfection.

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U. S. Battleships Now in Pacific.

The following is a letter to the Des Moines, Iowa "Daily Capital" by Mr. Geo. Williamson, brother of Mrs. A. N. Hull of Lacombe. Mr. Williamson has been in the U. S. Navy about two years.

It is not generally known that the United States government sent in advance of the great Pacific fleet two warships, the Tennessee and Washington. These ships left Hampton Roads, Va., in early October and have since rounded Cape Horn and are now far from San Francisco. It will never be learned officially for what purpose these ships left, but it is known that they were heavily laden with the necessities for a great naval engagement. Few people in Des Moines know that on board the Tennessee there are four Des Moines boys—George Williamson of Highland Park, son of E. C. Williams, head engineer at the Iowa Loan and Trust building; Clarence Williams, son of Mrs. Margaret McCoy of Eighth street, and Barney Moulder, whose parents have recently moved from the city. The two former are gunners. One of the letters Mr. Williamson gave to the press. It is dated from Col. Foru, and was received in this city January 3:

"Dear Father: Your letter received in Rio de Janeiro and contents noted with interest. We left Hampton Roads and for five days we sailed without seeing anything of great interest until we sighted the terrible ruins of Mt. Pelee. The beautiful little town of St. Pierre was literally erased from the map and only gnat inhabitant escaped, he being a criminal who was confined in a deep dungeon. When we left vegetation was just beginning to reappear on the black surface of the hills. Mt. Pelee and its awful crater is a sight worth seeing."

"On October 18 we sighted the mainland of South America and were soon anchored off the port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies. We had no trouble in exchanging our American money for Spanish coins and we were soon on land making history. The inhabitants of this town were a congregation of English, French, Spanish, negroes and the East Indian colonies. The latter perform the greater part of the labor. Their wages for one day amount to six pence for nine hours' labor. One peculiar thing about the women, the married ones carry rings in their noses to distinguish them from their more fortunate sisters. On the road to 'coolie town' is the lepers' hospital, where all cases found in the island are cared for until death relieves them of their sufferings."

"Long before our time was up we had had enough of 'coolie town' and were indeed glad when we sailed for the capital, Brazil, Rio de Janeiro. To tell of all the things we saw in this beautiful city would take a whole book. The most interesting thing to me was the trip to the summit of Corcovado, which is reached by an incline railway. The sight when reaching the very summit is said to be the most beautiful view in the world. Looking down from the summit are three sides that have a sheer drop of over 1,000 feet. We visited the president's house and the Mourir building and other public places. Rio de Janeiro is a city of 100,000 and the Caucasian form a good two-thirds of the population and carry on practically all of the business."

"After we had left our Brazilian capital we soon crossed the equator. This is an event always celebrated by those on board and always at the cost of the poor land lubber. It is not until you have crossed the equator that you are a full

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SCARBOROUGH—At Lacombe, on Wednesday, Feb. 5, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Scarborough, a daughter.
MORRIS—At Haydon, on Sunday Feb. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morris, a son.
PROUDFOOT—At Spruceville, on Tuesday, Feb. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. John Proudfoot, a daughter.
NOEL—At Lacombe on Thursday, Feb. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Noel, a son.

Stock Sale!

F. R. Nelles and H. A. Brownlow will sell by Public Auction, at the farm of F. R. Nelles, 2 miles east of Bentley and 10 miles west of Lacombe, at 1 o'clock p. m. on

Wednesday Feb. 19, 1908

About 60 head of Cattle, consisting of choice dairy cows, steers and heifers, etc. The offering will include 5 choice registered Short-horn bulls. Anyone desiring a good bull to head his herd will do well to attend this sale.

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